

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium recorded with an information disclosure program for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public, the program comprising the steps of:

retrieving at least one character string of non-disclosure in an original document by referring to a non-disclosure dictionary which contains said at least one character string of non-disclosure in association with at least one corresponding reason;

converting said original document to a XML formatted document;

embedding a tag and the reason of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved character string which registered in said non-disclosure dictionary in said XML formatted document;

~~replacing the character string to which the tag of non-disclosure is given to a meaningless character string, when the original document is accessed; and~~

~~when the character string corresponding to the tag of non-disclosure in retrieving said XML-formatted document matches the character string of compulsory disclosure by referring to~~providing ~~a compulsory disclosure dictionary which contains at least one character string of compulsory disclosure associated with at least one corresponding reason; and~~

~~replacing the retrieved tag of non-disclosure with the tag for compulsory disclosure, and the retrieved reason of non-disclosure with the reason for compulsory disclosure, which are registered in said compulsory disclosure dictionary~~replacing, in the original document, a character string which is contained in the non-disclosure dictionary and not contained in the compulsory disclosure dictionary, with a meaningless character string by using the tag of non-disclosure.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) An information disclosure apparatus for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public:

an auxiliary storage unit for storing a non-disclosure dictionary which registers a character string of non-disclosure associated with its corresponding reason and a compulsory disclosure dictionary which registers a character string of compulsory disclosure associated with its corresponding reason;

a means for retrieving at least one character string of non-disclosure in an original document by referring to a non-disclosure dictionary which contains said at least one character string of non-disclosure dictionary in association with at least one corresponding reason;

a means for converting said original document to a XML formatted document;

a means for embedding the a tag and the reason of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved character string which registered in said non-disclosure dictionary in said XML formatted document; ~~and~~

a means for providing a compulsory disclosure dictionary which contains at least one character string of compulsory disclosure associated with at least one corresponding reason;

a means for replacing the retrieved tag of non-disclosure is given to a meaningless character string, when, in the original document is accessed; ~~and,~~

~~a means for replacing a character string which is contained in the retrieved tag of non-disclosure with dictionary and not contained in the tag for compulsory disclosure, and the retrieved reason of non-disclosure with the reason for compulsory disclosure, when the character string corresponding to the tag of non-disclosure in retrieving said XML formatted document matches the character string of compulsory disclosure by referring to said compulsory disclosure dictionary, with a meaningless character string by using the tag of non-disclosure.~~

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A method for disclosing selected parts of a document to be made public, comprising the steps of:

retrieving at least one character string of non-disclosure in an original document by referring to a non-disclosure dictionary which contains said at least one character string of non-disclosure in association with at least one corresponding reason;

converting said original document to a XML formatted document;

embedding a tag and the reason of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved character string which registered in said non-disclosure dictionary in said XML formatted document;

~~replacing the character string to which the tag of non-disclosure is given to providing a meaningless character string, when the original document is accessed; and~~

~~if the character string corresponding to the tag of non-disclosure in locating the document matches the character string of compulsory disclosure by referring to a dictionary wherein which contains at least one character string of compulsory disclosure associated with at least one corresponding reason; and~~

~~replacing the retrieved tag of non-disclosure with the tag for compulsory disclosure, and the retrieved reason of non-disclosure with the reason for compulsory disclosure, when the character string of non-disclosure corresponding to the retrieved tag is found in the said dictionary replacing, in the original document, a character string which is contained in the non-disclosure dictionary and not contained in the compulsory disclosure dictionary, with a meaningless character string by using the tag of non-disclosure.~~

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) A method for selecting parts of a document to be disclosed, comprising:

matching a character string of non-disclosure in the document to an at least one character string of non-disclosure, when the document is accessed; and

replacing the character string of non-disclosure with a meaningless character string according to a reason, when there is said character string of non-disclosure in a dictionary.